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Mississippi 2006 Prospective Plantings

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Mississippi **cotton** producers intend to plant 1.22 million acres of cotton in 2006, up 1 percent from 2005. **Soybean** farmers are expected to plant 1.70 million acres, up 6 percent from the previous year. **Corn** producers intend to plant 330,000 acres, down 13 percent from the previous year. **Rice** farmers in Mississippi intend to plant 210,000 acres, down 21 percent from 2005. If realized, this would be the lowest rice acreage since 1996. **Sweet potato** growers intend to plant 18,000 acres, up 8 percent from the previous year. **Winter wheat** seedings for 2006 are estimated at 80,000 acres, up 14 percent from last year. **Peanut** growers intend to plant 15,000 acres, the same as last year.

March 1, 2006, Crop Acreage Intentions, with Comparisons Mississippi and United States

Crop	Area Planted 2005	To Be Planted 2006 ¹	2006/2005
	1,000 Acres		Percent
Mississippi			
Soybeans	1,610	1,700	106
All Cotton	1,210	1,220	101
All Rice	265	210	79
Sorghum, All Purposes	25	20	80
Corn, All Purposes	380	330	87
All Hay ²	730	730	100
Winter Wheat ³	70	80	114
Sweetpotatoes	16.7	18.0	108
Peanuts ⁴	15.0	15.0	100
United States			
Soybeans	72,142	76,895	107
All Cotton	14,195.4	14,634.0	103
All Rice	3,384.0	2,972.0	88
Sorghum, All Purposes	6,454	6,483	100
Corn, All Purposes	81,759	78,019	95
All Hay ²	61,649	61,478	100
Winter Wheat ³	40,433	41,404	102
Sweetpotatoes	90.4	94.2	104
Peanuts	1,657.0	1,391.0	84

¹ Intended plantings in 2005 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2006 as indicated by reports from farmers.

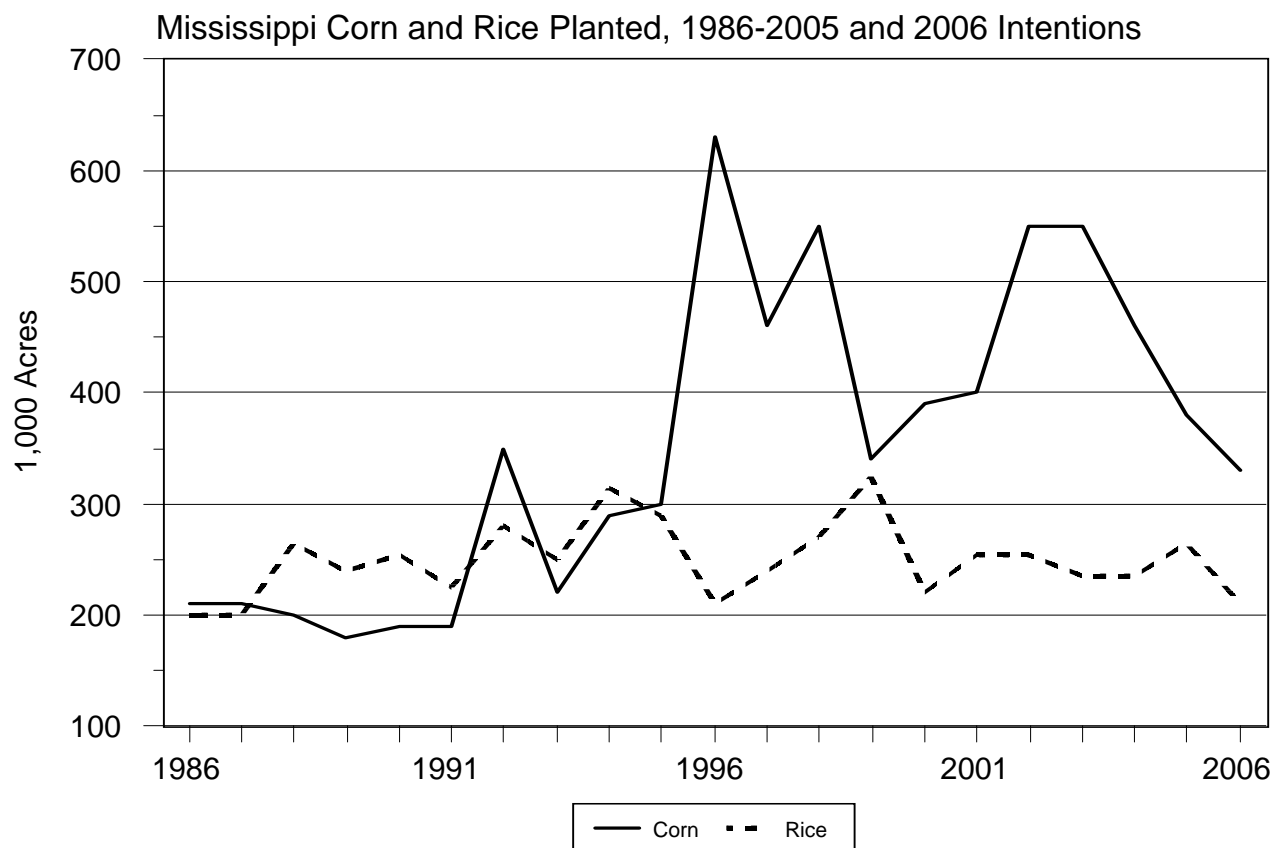
³ Winter Wheat was planted last fall.

⁴ Estimates began in 2005.

Stocks of Grain in All Positions, Mississippi and United States, March 1, 2005-2006

Crop	2005			2006		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
1,000 Bushels						
Mississippi						
Wheat, All	*	55	*	*	*	*
Corn	*	15,595	*	*	15,991	*
Oats		*	*		*	*
Sorghum	*	*	*	*	127	*
Soybeans	*	2,880	*	*	6,990	*
United States						
Wheat, All	304,710	679,681	984,391	256,000	716,240	972,240
Corn	4,137,000	2,619,334	6,756,334	4,055,000	2,932,178	6,987,178
Oats	43,500	38,946	82,446	41,900	32,812	74,712
Sorghum	33,400	170,122	203,522	25,900	166,939	192,839
Soybeans	795,000	586,364	1,381,364	872,000	796,555	1,668,555

¹ "Off farms unallocated" includes state data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations; "On farms unallocated" includes minor producing states' data not published separately.



Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) and Equivalent 480-Pound Net Weight Bales Ginned, by State and United States, Crop Years 2004-2005

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned by Crop Year		Equivalent 480-Pound Net Weight Bales	
	2004	2005 ¹	2004	2005 ¹
Upland Cotton				
Alabama	797,350	831,750	826,750	857,200
Arizona	673,050	572,300	692,800	589,000
Arkansas	2,016,500	2,100,650	2,069,450	2,153,600
California	1,758,650	1,052,950	1,819,850	1,089,800
Florida	92,900	112,100	95,800	115,700
Georgia	1,749,800	2,101,650	1,803,000	2,164,700
Kansas	65,350	92,550	68,050	96,000
Louisiana	888,250	1,105,650	912,300	1,130,500
Mississippi	2,274,250	2,089,300	2,334,400	2,138,050
Missouri	808,700	864,400	826,200	884,350
New Mexico	50,100	51,650	50,950	52,050
North Carolina	1,324,150	1,398,300	1,379,600	1,454,500
Oklahoma	289,050	341,000	295,750	346,000
South Carolina	369,100	391,500	381,800	401,500
Tennessee	958,550	1,083,250	985,300	1,111,000
Texas	7,580,300	8,296,550	7,806,150	8,503,950
Virginia	142,600	166,750	146,950	170,700
United States	21,838,650	22,652,300	22,495,100	23,258,600

¹ There were 180,283 bales included in this report from the 2005 crop which ginner estimated would be ginned after the March survey, compared to 185,783 bales last year. There were 887 active cotton gins for the 2005 crop year compared with 900 active gins for the 2004 crop year.

Cotton Ginnings: Mississippi Running Bales Ginned by County, 2004-2005

County	Running Bales Ginned		County	Running Bales Ginned	
	2004	2005		2004	2005
Bolivar	197,200	184,600	Holmes	130,250	111,000
Coahoma	246,000	243,200	District 50	218,300	190,750
Quitman	94,700	85,100	District 70	71,050	69,750
Tallhatchie	67,900	56,950			
Tunica	90,150	95,200			
District 10	695,950	665,050			
Calhoun	52,750	53,000	State Total	2,274,250	2,089,300
Panola	65,500	87,950			
District 20	213,800	243,250			
Humphreys	92,250	71,450			
Leflore	209,250	175,900			
Sharkey	97,150	86,050			
Sunflower	183,600	130,700			
Washington	172,800	169,100			
Yazoo	230,150	197,200			
District 40	985,200	830,400			

Mississippi Corn Average Yields, 2001-2005

County	Number of Years	Average Yield	County	Number of Years	Average Yield
Bolivar	5	148.9	Attala	5	115.9
Coahoma	5	134.0	Carroll	5	126.0
Quitman	4	120.6	Holmes	5	133.0
Tallahatchie	5	148.0	Madison	5	122.4
Tunica	4	122.5	Montgomery	5	108.8
District 10	5	140.8	Rankin	5	124.4
Benton	5	107.9	Scott	5	103.1
Calhoun	5	112.5	Webster	5	110.7
DeSoto	5	136.6	District 50	5	123.0
Grenada	2	117.8	Chickasaw	5	100.5
Lafayette	4	101.2	Clay	5	108.7
Marshall	5	109.4	Lowndes	5	115.5
Panola	5	123.6	Monroe	5	107.4
Tate	5	117.1	Noxubee	5	131.5
Yalobusha	3	120.4	District 60	5	119.5
District 20	5	118.8	Claiborne	5	132.6
Alcorn	5	121.4	Hinds	5	118.8
Itawamba	5	92.4	Jefferson	2	144.6
Lee	5	94.9	Warren	5	133.7
Pontotoc	2	122.0	District 70	5	122.1
Prentiss	4	87.3	Covington	2	112.7
Tippah	5	108.9	Lawrence	3	92.3
Tishomingo	1	82.7	Simpson	5	106.0
Union	5	107.7	District 80	5	93.8
District 30	5	105.4	George	4	77.1
Humphreys	5	139.0	Newton	2	114.1
Issaquena	5	143.1	District 90	5	85.8
Leflore	5	146.7	State Average	5	129.8
Sharkey	5	141.6	The Agency did not publish a yield for every county each year. Whenever publication of county yields would reveal individual data, publication was suspended.		
Sunflower	5	133.6			
Washington	5	146.0			
Yazoo	5	139.6			
District 40	5	141.4			

Mississippi Top Five Corn Producing Counties, 2005

County	Planted All Purposes	Harvested for Grain	Yield Per Acre	Production
Acres		Bushels		
Yazoo	39,000	38,800	143.6	5,570,000
Noxubee	29,100	28,300	125.4	3,550,000
Washington	22,000	21,900	161.6	3,540,000
Sharkey	19,000	18,900	148.7	2,810,000
Sunflower	18,000	17,900	152.0	2,720,000

United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, February 2005-2006

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,177	3,331	1.64	1.49	170	209
Fillets ¹	5,615	5,109	2.75	2.87	520	501
Other ²	1,295	1,024	1.67	1.63	130	126
Total Fresh	10,087	9,464	2.26	2.25	820	836
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,117	1,256	2.01	2.01	800	1,058
Fillets ¹	10,469	11,418	2.66	2.69	8,911	6,838
Other ²	4,853	5,211	1.66	1.54	2,742	2,376
Total Frozen	16,439	17,885	2.32	2.31	12,453	10,272
Total Fresh & Frozen	26,526	27,349	2.30	2.29	13,273	11,108

¹ Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

² Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

United States Farm Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2005-2006

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Per Pound ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative					
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars		1,000 Pounds	
January	53,856	49,666	53,856	49,666	.725	.726	1,383	2,644
February	51,720	49,145	105,576	98,811	.731	.729	1,230	
March	57,117		162,693		.733		1,161	
April	50,306		212,999		.725		2,198	
May	51,552		264,551		.722		2,695	
June	49,626		314,177		.721		2,538	
July	47,241		361,418		.723		2,048	
August	50,686		412,104		.724		2,684	
September	47,151		459,255		.724		2,219	
October	49,034		508,289		.724		4,062	
November	46,674		554,963		.724		4,648	
December	45,707		600,670		.726		3,239	

¹ Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price excludes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Includes Ictalurus, Pangasius and Siluriformes catfish. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, March 1, 2005-2006

Region	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,188	11,544	95	6,198	7,107	115
East North Central	8,319	9,116	110	6,853	6,291	92
West North Central	23,429	23,500	100	8,102	7,892	97
South Atlantic	239,577	245,223	102	3,869	4,527	117
South Central	349,880	351,279	100	6,406	5,330	83
West	25,473	24,962	98	5,346	5,367	100
United States	658,866	665,624	101	36,774	36,514	99

February Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

State	All Layers on Hand ¹		Table Eggs ^{2 3}		Hatching Eggs ^{2 3}	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000		Million Eggs		Million Eggs	
Alabama	9,232	8,897	40	38	125	119
Arkansas	15,099	14,512	90	86	171	164
Florida	10,465	11,406	214	222	8	8
Georgia	20,628	19,063	228	204	163	161
Mississippi	7,132	6,839	34	34	91	85
North Carolina	10,948	11,073	71	73	125	126
South Carolina	5,138	5,075	88	84	17	17
Virginia	3,107	3,444	23	31	32	31
United States	348,791	349,653	5,915	5,985	1,014	989

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

³ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

February Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2005-2006

State	During February			January-February		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	100,258	104,694	104	209,521	218,898	104
Arkansas	104,000	104,106	100	218,494	219,239	100
Florida	4,483	4,583	102	9,337	9,547	102
Georgia	111,770	112,868	101	235,489	236,701	101
Kentucky	23,483	23,836	102	48,982	49,385	101
Mississippi	67,202	61,738	92	139,705	130,840	94
North Carolina	60,474	61,152	101	126,785	129,822	102
Texas	50,004	51,022	102	104,514	107,783	103
United States	731,274	733,145	100	1,527,300	1,537,218	101

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by Selected States and United States, January-February, 2005-2006**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Alabama	88,433	82,897	477,967	449,273	5.40	5.42
Arkansas	99,878	90,194	529,643	465,447	5.30	5.16
Georgia	106,567	96,449	546,761	492,881	5.13	5.11
Kentucky	23,068	20,629	127,485	113,448	5.53	5.50
Louisiana	16,902	14,981	99,545	85,312	5.89	5.69
Mississippi	62,643	58,412	357,214	338,231	5.70	5.79
Missouri	34,109	31,666	160,524	147,630	4.71	4.66
North Carolina	59,033	54,432	404,977	368,594	6.86	6.77
South Carolina	22,324	20,946	139,866	131,180	6.27	6.26
Tennessee	23,493	21,492	122,477	108,183	5.21	5.03
Texas	56,369	50,878	297,519	266,032	5.28	5.23
Virginia	27,077	24,820	143,266	129,471	5.29	5.22
United States	744,754	678,198	4,094,586	3,695,687	5.50	5.45

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
by Selected States and United States, January-February, 2005-2006**

State	Total Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
	1,000 Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Alabama	357,679	337,264	4,470	4,486	1.04	1.11
Arkansas	391,826	342,333	5,099	5,170	1.07	1.23
Georgia	409,764	368,345	3,273	3,193	0.67	0.72
Kentucky	93,433	83,010	872	736	0.76	0.72
Louisiana	72,965	62,455	777	717	0.87	0.93
Mississippi	274,905	254,071	3,188	3,131	0.99	1.03
Missouri	117,666	108,554	1,518	1,328	1.05	1.00
North Carolina	310,539	282,131	4,077	3,939	1.12	1.19
South Carolina	103,990	97,323	751	638	0.60	0.54
Tennessee	89,685	79,077	1,142	1,083	1.04	1.11
Texas	228,314	203,562	2,454	2,282	0.92	0.95
Virginia	99,353	90,335	1,138	1,051	0.88	0.90
United States	3,048,745	2,742,648	36,807	35,396	1.00	1.06

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, March 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	March 2005 Entire Month		February 2006 Entire Month		March 2006 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.02	---	2.02	---	2.01 ¹
Cotton, Upland	lb	.393	.403	.482	.490	.480 ¹	.496 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.04	---	3.40	---	3.29
Soybeans	bu	6.20	5.95	5.85	5.67	5.76	5.55
Winter Wheat	bu	---	3.32	---	3.59	---	3.67
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	6.97	---	7.97	---	8.05
All Milk	cwt	---	15.60	---	13.50	---	12.80
Fluid	cwt	---	15.60	---	13.50	---	12.80
Manufacturing	cwt	---	14.80	---	12.60	---	11.80
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	91.00	---	92.40	---	89.20
Cows	cwt	---	55.00	---	49.70	---	49.90
Calves	cwt	---	136.00	---	142.00	---	138.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	95.20	---	97.80	---	94.10
All Hogs	cwt	---	51.20	---	42.60	---	42.40
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	51.50	---	43.20	---	42.80
Sows	cwt	---	43.40	---	31.10	---	34.40
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.440	---	.380	---	.370
Market Eggs	doz	.326 ²	.327 ²	.260 ²	.301 ²	.510	.499

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

² Mid-month prices.